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FLOODS RUIN RICE CROP

The Marshall Plan

Russia May Join In Talks

London, June 22. Diplomatic quarters in London believed that Russia might accept conditionally the invitation of Britain and France to a three-power conference on means of taking advantage of the Marshall plan to aid Europe.

The Foreign Office spokesman said no reply had been received from Moscow, although one was expected daily. The Anglo-French invitation suggested a conference this week, but the Foreign Office denied published reports that it had requested a reply by Monday.

Close students of Soviet policy believed Russia would agree to participate in the Marshall plan provided it was worked on in conjunction with invited nations and that conditions under which American funds were made available proved acceptable.

FOUR FACTORS

Speculation was based on these

1. A report in the usually well-informed Sunday newspaper, The Observer, said that Generalissimo Stalin had been conferring recently with Mr Ivan Maisky, former Soviet Ambassador to London and known advocate of closer co-operation with the Western powers.

2. Russia badly needs economic assistance to help her own recovery from the war.

3. Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia—Russia's "satellites"—are reported to be exerting pressure on Moscow to accept.

4. Russia's only official reference to the Marshall plan—a Tass dispatch on Friday night confirming receipt of the Anglo-French invitation—significantly said the question of Soviet participation was being considered by the government and did not reject it outright.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT

The Observer, in reporting Stalin's conference with Maisky, said:

"It is learned on reliable authority that, at a moment when Russian foreign policy stands at the first parting of ways since the Kremlin abandoned Lithuania's collective security line and concluded its pact with Hitler, two men who have conducted oil dealings with the outside world since that fateful decision are out of action."

It said the Foreign Minister, Vyacheslav Molotov, "tired and overworked," was about to take a holiday.—United Press.

Six Drowned When Tug Capsizes

Flushing, Holland, June 22. Six British seamen were drowned today when the tug "Fair Play" capsized off Flushing Straits. The four survivors of the crew of ten are now in hospital here.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Bathing

To many the only contentious aspect of Government's future plans for the Colony's bathing beaches is the decision to prohibit private sheds anywhere but on rocky headlands. That this is in keeping with a carefully designed, though hitherto only hinted policy, will not necessarily assuage the outraged feelings of those who feel they should continue to enjoy the same private facilities for bathing before the war. Nevertheless, to challenge a policy which seeks to provide equal opportunities for all to share in one of Hongkong's comparatively few public amenities is likely to gain but limited support. The long-term policy disclosed in yesterday's official statement is certain to meet with general approval, it may be because it frees the beaches from the old-time shackles of privilege and exclusiveness. Government has given approval to meet the recommendations of the UDC committee which sat to consider the future of our bathing beaches, and the final decisions will be made as soon as possible and well calculated to meet public wishes. In

Tanker Blows Up: 20 Killed

Long Beach, California, June 22. Twenty people were reported killed today in an explosion in the tank of a Markey, loaded with hundreds of thousands of gallons of butane petrol, in Los Angeles harbour channel.

The flaming fuel spread across the channel to the shore. It was estimated that the damage would exceed \$10,000,000.

The tanker was lying on her side and it was not known if the ship's crew had escaped. Most of the loading crew saved their lives by jumping into the water, but many of them were burned.

Flames were reported to have gutted the terminal of the American President Steamship Line and to be threatening the adjacent Markey Line's terminal.

A blast from the explosion partially lifted the roof of the Markey loading shed.—Reuter.

S. WALES COLLIERY STRIKE TODAY

London, June 22. The strike of 4,000 colliery clerks, scheduled for tomorrow in South Wales, is expected to affect some 200 pits turning out half a million tons of coal weekly.

The threatened stoppage followed yesterday's statement by the Minister of Fuel, Mr Emmanuel Shinwell, that there had been a "marked increase" in absenteeism among Yorkshire miners, and that their weekly target of 805,000 tons had not been reached in any week.

The Yorkshire miners were responsible for more than one-fifth of the country's overall weekly target of 4,000,000 tons.

The South Wales clerks are demanding recognition of their union by the recently-formed National Coal Board, which controls Britain's nationalised mines.

The strike was interpreted as a trade union struggle between the miners and the clerical workers, who want to negotiate their own wages and conditions. The miners' union is attempting to organise the clerical workers in a branch of their union.

Mr Will Arthur, Vice-President of the South Wales miners, said today: "We are going to keep the collieries going if possible. Our men will do any job that arises."

Mr Arthur Hornsby, General Secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, described the threatened strike as "exceedingly foolish" and said that the position was that the Coal Board wanted the situation clarified so that they could deal with one organisation instead of a number.—Reuter.

COAL OUTPUT FALLS

London, June 22. Blunt warnings over the weekend by a high Government official and Union leaders that coal production is falling off indicated today that

A representative of colliery foremen from all South Wales coalfields, met yesterday and pledged their support of the policy of the National Association of Colliery Foremen in demanding that the Association be recognised by the National Coal Board as the appropriate body with which to negotiate.

David Bain, Association Secretary for Monmouthshire coalfields, said: "I am quite certain our members will stay solidly behind their leaders and decide that 20-day strike notices shall be handed to the National Coal Board on August 1 if they persist in their refusal to grant us the recognition we desire."—United Press.

Kwangtung Devastated: Shameen Threatened

(FROM REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Canton, June 22. What promised to be a bumper rice crop lies in ruins. UNRRA observers who have flown over the flooded areas within the past few days estimate that some sixty to seventy per cent of the Canton delta first harvest rice crop is a total loss.

For weeks past, rain in torrential storms has descended upon the delta and the catchment area of the three great rivers at the mouth of which Canton stands. In recent days these rains have descended with ever-increasing force and the rivers have risen to flood dimensions.

Great areas of Kwangtung Province, of which Canton is the capital, now lie under water. Farmers who hailed the early rains with unqualified approval now shake angry fists at the lowering skies.

Canton city itself is threatened by the flood-water. Low-lying, sprawling along the edge of the Pearl River and spreading onto adjacent islands, the city remembers the disastrous floods of 1915 and fears a repetition.

Already houses in suburban areas of the city have had to be evacuated. In the residential suburbs of Saikwan many homes are inundated by water to a depth of two or three feet.

Farmers are entertained by the water floods into the Saikwan power plant, main source of Canton's electricity supply.

Canton's only bulkware against flood and devastation are the numerous dykes and dams built in the last thirty years along the course of the Wei and North Rivers. To date, most of these still hold. Near-panic hit the city last Thursday evening on receipt of a rumour that the great dams built by the Pearl Conservancy Board at Lupao had broken. This rumour was soon squashed as UNRRA observers flying over the area in low-altitude aircraft reported that the flood waters were still a good two feet below the danger level.

Shipping in the delta has been greatly curtailed by the floods. Not only is navigation difficult, but there is hazard to shipping from irate farmers who shoot with rifles at passing vessels because they fear that the bow wave and wash created by the ships will break down their frail banks.—Reuter.

RELIEF FUND BAZAAR

Members of the Curio, Furniture and Miscellaneous Household Utensils Merchant and Employees Association have decided to hold a bazaar in aid of the Kwangtung and Kwangsi Flood Relief Fund from today until Wednesday.

The bazaar will be conducted in Upper Lascar Row, in the vicinity of the Central Theatre.

A large collection of Chinese arts, antiques, curios, old paintings and calligraphy, modern furniture and household utensils will be on sale at moderate prices. The total proceeds of the sale, without any deduction, will be donated to the flood relief fund through the Tung Wah Hospital.

Destructive Tornado

Loomis, Nebraska, June 22. It is feared that 50 people have been killed as the result of a tornado which struck west of here today.

Flood waters four feet deep rushed through nearby Cambridge, where four persons are known to have been drowned. Hundreds of homes were under water in the business district of the town.—Reuter.

Sing Tao Suffer First Defeat

Singapore, June 22. The Combined Malayan Chinese Football team surprised a huge crowd of 22,000 at the Jalan Besar Stadium this afternoon by beating Sing Tao three goals to one.

The defences of the home team proved too strong for the visitors' attack and they deserved to win.

The first half of the game was hard-fought and fairly even, with Guan Wah, the Malayan centre-forward, opening the score after 15 minutes of play. Five minutes later, Sing Tao, after determinedly forcing four successive corners, equalised when B. Gogano headed the ball into the net.

The play in the second half became very rough. Sing Tao's forwards could not take advantage of opportunities in face of the rugged defence.

Kar Chong put Singapore further ahead after 15 minutes when he scored from 30 yards out, and Guan Wah steered the ball into the net for the third goal five minutes before time.—Reuter.

BRITISH CHAMP BEATEN

Amsterdam, June 23. The British spring cycling champion, Reg Harris, was defeated on Sunday by the Dutch champion, Cor Byster, in a spring match covering a distance of 550 metres.

Byster's time for the last 200 metres was 12.8 seconds. Harris was beaten by a half-wheel. Third was another Dutchman, Van Gelder. A pursuit race covering a distance of 4,000 metres was won by B.

PEIPING WANTS OLYMPICS

Stockholm, June 22. S. Y. Tung, Chinese delegate to the International Olympic Committee, revealed today that Peiping will apply for the 1956 Olympic games.

The Korean delegate, Won Soon Lee, learning of Peiping's plans, said: "In that case Korea would be a perfect place for winter games."

Gissels' time was 5 minutes 33.4 seconds and that of Harmans, 5 minutes 39.2 seconds.—Associated Press.

CZECHS WIN

Amsterdam, June 22. Czechoslovakia beat Holland by two goals to one in association football here this afternoon, after lead-

Attempt To Chloroform & Kidnap Briton Foiled

Jerusalem, June 22. Two armed Jews and a girl with a gun were foiled in an attempt to chloroform and kidnap a British police officer, L. Pound, as he was buying his evening newspapers in crowded Jordan's book store in the heart of the city tonight.

side the scope of the Commission's instructions and functions to interfere with Palestine's judicial administration, the matter was being brought to the attention of the proper authorities.—Reuter.

HANDS OFF POLICY

Jerusalem, June 22. UNSCOP tonight announced a "hands off" policy toward the death sentences given three members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi for participating in the Aero prison break. However, the Commission left the way open for further consideration by the United Nations General Assembly.

The Commission forwarded the resolution and a letter sent to Dr Trygve Lie. The letter explained to the relatives that "it is beyond (Continued on Page 4)

WAR ON TERRORISTS

Ex-Commandos Go Into Action

Jerusalem, June 23. It was disclosed here on Sunday that a group of about 30 army officers, former paratroopers, commandos and underground movement specialists, have been operating their own "commando" in a series of their own tactics against Jewish terrorists.

PLEA FOR MERCY

Meanwhile, the United Nations Palestine Commission tonight cabled to Dr Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of United Nations, a plea for mercy by the relatives of the three Jews condemned to death by military court here on June 16.

The relatives had appealed to the Commission to use its good offices to save the lives of the condemned men. The Commission requested Dr Lie to transmit the plea to Britain, the mandatory power.

It is reported that a major purge of the police administration in Palestine is to take place. One high official has said that he has already been sacked.

While the United Nations Commission on Palestine continued its fact-finding mission, reports were strongly current all over Jerusalem on Sunday that there had come into existence a group of British counter-terror operatives among the Palestine police and that there would soon be a shake up in the police force with many high officials being affected.

High military quarters have been shaken with the disclosure that a band of some three dozen war-toughened army officers from the commandos, parachute troops and the underground resistance movements have been operating against the Jewish terrorists with their own tactics.

This disclosure has come about after the 10 year old Jewish youth Alexander Rubowitz disappeared on May 6 last from the Rehavia quarter of Jerusalem and that Major Roy Alexander Farran, who had been seconded to the Palestine police, had been arrested in Syria in connection with the disappearance.

Farran, who has 26 gallantry decorations, was picked up by the Syrian army in Aleppo as a deserter. Later he was brought to Damascus where he spent last week in night clubs with officers of the Palestine government CID while his extradition formalities were being worked out.

NO SEARCH BEING MADE

Placed under guard in the Alfonso barracks in Jerusalem, Farran escaped through the window of the crowded dining hall on Thursday night and has not since been seen and no search is going on for him either, an Army source disclosed Sunday night.

The police have set up a board of enquiry to look into the matter. The Jewish Agency said one of its spokesman takes a grave view of the Farran case and the official intimated that official representations be made about it.

Army officers in Jerusalem are freely admitting in public that Major Farran was a member of a tough band of specialists, seconded from the Army to the police to use counter-terror measures along the pattern of the terror gang. These operational columns are reported to have toured Palestine cities in civilian clothes and in small black cars on the look out for terrorist activities such as youths posting gang leaflets.

When one of them was caught, as was Rubowitz who since has been a member of the Stern Gang, the column operatives would attempt to elicit information as to the higher-ups in the terrorist gang and the source of the posters.—Associated Press

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Black slacks, worn with short fur jackets, look stunning on slim, long-legged young women. A wide cummerbund of bright colour cinches in the waistline. A sleeveless sweater, sparkling with sequins, is worn as a blouse. No hat. There has never been a hat that looks "right" with slacks. The girls wear

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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



This client is awfully hard to convince that a picture of a pretty girl will sell six handbags!

Chicago Mayor Fights Multi-Million Dollar Gambling Racket

For the first time in years the lid has been clamped tightly on Chicago's multi-million dollar gambling racket. The new mayor, Martin H. Kennelly, had promised reform in his campaign speeches, and the city is getting its first taste.

OIL STRIKE IN HEART OF BEIRUT

An oil strike in the heart of Beirut, ancient Lebanese city founded by the Phoenicians centuries before Christ was born, threatens to bring the din and clangour of drill crews to its medieval market place.

The strike was made next to the old wall of the city, in Aman Square. Albert Assayel and his brother, war-made millionaires, made the discovery on land they bought from the municipality.

The land, about 800 square yards, was to be used for a five-story building. Because the soil is deep, engineers recommended that the excavators dig to bed rock for a solid foundation for the building.

About 10 yards beneath the surface oily water appeared. A rag dipped in the water will burn. It was from such seepages that oil for the lamps of Egypt came during the time of the pyramids.

Nearly 200 barrels of oily water was taken from the seepage. The man-made well reappears itself each two hours. Samples of the liquid were sent to various laboratories which are still studying the "oil."

Differing Opinions

Hardly had the oily liquid been brought to the surface before old Beirut was rocked by arguments as to whether or not the find indicated an important oil deposit. No one denied that the substance behaved like oil, but some thought it seeped into the excavation from a nearby garage.

Engineers shouted down the doubters with arguments of their own:

1. No matter how fast it is bailed out the liquid keeps flowing into the hole. Engineers have dug more than half a yard into the rock face from which the oil comes, and have merely hastened its flow.

2. The liquid obviously is coming from the rock face. Besides the flow is too heavy to represent mere seepage from storage tanks, many persons believe.

3. Oil recently had been discovered near Lattakia, to the north, under similar circumstances.

The Assayel brothers promptly secured from the Lebanese government a permit for schrubs and exploitation of their find—and in the market place the shrewd argument as to its origin goes on.—United Press.

STREPTOMYCIN SAID CURE FOR PLAGUE

Dr Karl Meyer, head of the California University's Hoover Foundation, has claimed the discovery of the most effective medicine so far known for the treatment of bubonic and pneumonic plague, reports Central News.

After six months' experimentation on mice, rabbits and pigs, Dr Meyer recommended the use of the newly developed drug, streptomycin, on human beings infected with bubonic and pneumonic plague infections. He said the results he obtained "justified" the expectation that the new drug would be equally effective in dealing with human plague infections.

He declared that the entire problem of plague, which has taken millions of lives in the past, could now "fairly be well licked" with streptomycin.

It may be recalled that during the war bubonic and pneumonic plagues ravaged Fukien, Chekiang, Hunan and other places in China, and claimed thousands of victims. With the development of streptomycin, it is expected that the work of epidemic prevention and control in China, will become much easier.

DIFFICULT TO GET IN HERE

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must check parcels and bags at the door unless they have a "baggage pass." Some rooms may be entered only by employees with special authorization.

At the door of every office, a sign asks: "Have you locked your safe?" After employees leave for the night, two guards check every safe every hour. If they find a door open, the remains besides the safe while the other telephones the person responsible. He must come immediately to the office, check the contents of the safe and lock it.

Heavy steel grilles, opening only from the inside out, are built into the fire escapes. Gates are being constructed to the building's parking lot which can be opened only by a guard.

At night, the Commission's headquarters is illuminated in brilliance. Powerful light flood outer walls and grounds from dusk to dawn.—United Press.

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Portrait Of Andrei Gromyko

BY ROBERT RICHARDS
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Russia's Andrei Gromyko, once known as very dour, is perhaps the top personality among the United Nations delegates.

Hendrik De Kauffman of Denmark is more handsome; Sir Alexander Cadogan of the United Kingdom has more noise, and France's Alexandre Parodi makes a more polished speech—but the 39-year-old Russian tops them all with his talent for humorous remarks.

A reporter for a New York newspaper kept asking Gromyko whom Russia would nominate as governor of Trieste. Day after day, Gromyko kept replying that he did not know. Finally, one day, Gromyko rushed up to the reporter saying:

"Russia, at last, has her nominee.

"We are giving it to you as an exclusive story."

"Who is it?" asked the reporter

notebook in hand.

"Why you," replied Gromyko, grinning broadly. "We feel that you should have the job since you've shown so much interest in the subject."

A United Press reporter asked Gromyko what he intended to say in a coming speech. Gromyko made a brief reply and then added:

"If you really want to hear what I've got to say, I suggest that you drop in and watch me working."

During a debate in the Security Council, Gromyko snarled:

"We can't sit around here and discuss this in American slang all night."

He further explained that he, personally, had nothing whatsoever against American slang—in fact, rather enjoyed it—but this simply isn't the place to use it."

Dr. Gromyko is the Starch

A woman news correspondent claimed that Gromyko also was allowing the rest of his staff to drop the starch from their collars. She quoted, as exhibit A, the strange case of blond, curly-haired Alexei Krasnitskoy, No. 2 man for the Soviet delegation.

"I was sitting beside Krasnitskoy one day," my informant said, "but I didn't quite know he was such a big shot. We chatted for some time about this and that. Then I offered him a stick of gum."

It may be that the offer suddenly warned Krasnitskoy that he was dealing with a capitalistic master on much too friendly ground.

"Anyhow," said the lady journalist, "he suddenly half-shouted 'no'. And then closed up. He simply wouldn't talk to me any longer."

After that, for several days, if Krasnitskoy saw her in the hall, he looked the other way.

"Then, recently, he started speaking to me again," she said. "I'm convinced he talked it over with Gromyko, who told him to go ahead—it was all right."

However, she has never been able to get Krasnitskoy to accept that stick of gum.

"I'm so sorry," he insisted politely, "you see, in Russia, we never developed a liking for this stuff."

PSYCHIATRIST ON SEX CRIMINALS

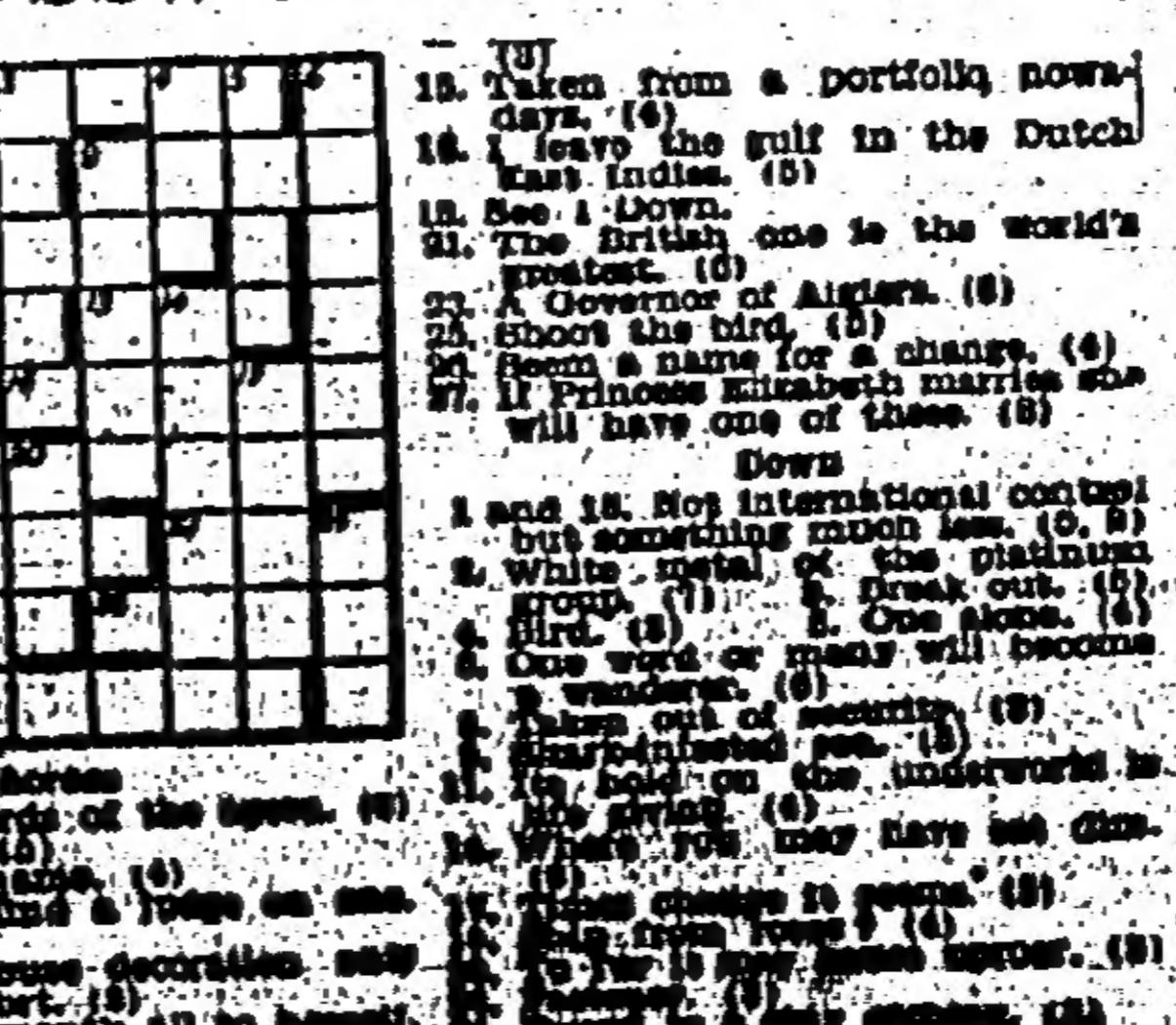
Sex criminals should be taken out of circulation, in the opinion of Dr. Richard C. Jenkins Strong, psychiatrist of Rochester, N.Y.

He believes they are a psychological problem, and an institution is needed to care for them.

A court consultant on many cases involving morals violators, Dr. Strong is convinced that such criminals should be confined until cured.

"But the state makes no provision for their care," he said. "They cannot be sent to a mental hospital because they do not fall in the legal category governing insanity. They do, nevertheless, need institutional care."—United Press.

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U.S.-TURKISH OIL DEAL

Ankara, June 22. Negotiations for the prospecting of petroleum in some areas of Anatolia (Anatolia Turkey) have begun between the Turkish Mineral Research Institute and the American Drilling and Exploration Company, and a final agreement will be concluded soon, it was learned here today.

All necessary equipment and staff will be provided by the Institute. The United States firm will be in charge of drilling and providing expert supervision.

About 20 American experts will arrive in Turkey after the agreement is signed and will start drilling in the Karama area of the Taurus Mountains, and also in the Adana and Hatay areas in the south.

Ten other United States experts, who have already arrived in Turkey, will investigate pits in the Zonguldak coal mines on the Black Sea coast.

—Reuter.

MONTY OFF ON JAUNT TO JAPAN

London, June 23. Field Marshal Montgomery plans a four day visit to General Douglas MacArthur in Japan in the course of a two-month tour of the Pacific, he announced through the War Office.

General MacArthur has sent me a very warm invitation, and as he is the only senior American general I have never met, I am very anxious to see him," the Chief of the Imperial General Staff said.

Montgomery left on Saturday and has reached Palestine. He plans conferences with British officers in India, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand.

"I am anxious to study the methods the Dominions use to train their citizen armies, because I feel we have a lot to learn from them. In the 12 months for which we shall have to train our new soldiers, we have to be certain we do the job properly."

The British government recently set conscription at a year, after opposition developed to an 18-month term.

"We have no time to lose," he continued. "I have been to Canada and studied what they do and I have seen the American methods. When I have seen Australia and New Zealand, I think we shall be able to give the training without wasting any time." —Associated Press.

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Indonesians Fail To Agree

Batavia, June 22. Cabinet Ministers and Party leaders of the Indonesian Republic today failed to agree on the terms of their reply to the Dutch proposals for implementation of the recent Dutch-Indonesian agreement.

A full meeting of the Republican Cabinet has been called for Tuesday.

The Netherlands Commission General asked the Republic to say whether it would accept its military and economic proposals for putting the agreement into operation.

It is understood here that the Republican Government has accepted most of the Dutch "final" proposals for the implementation of the Linggadjati agreement, but has referred certain vital points to the full meeting of Dr. Sjahrir's Republican Cabinet.

An interim reply was drafted and despatched following a meeting of key Cabinet Ministers at Dr. Sjahrir's home today. —Reuter.

KIDNAP ATTEMPT FOILED

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The scope of the Committee's instructions to interfere with judicial administration in Palestine. It said, however, that the "matter was being brought to the attention of the proper authorities."

Another vital question—the boycott of UNSCOP by the Arabs was tabled temporarily. Three delegations have been made by the delegation to break the boycott—all unsuccessful. It has now been decided to bring no further pressure to bear for fear the Arab elements which might change their mind later would be antagonised.

Most of the secret sessions were held in the Irgun Zvulun appeal for intervention on behalf of the youths sentenced to death. It was known the Commission had felt out the Palestine Government, hoping it was possible a review of the sentences might bring a compromise.

High officials claimed, however, that this was impossible as it would indicate British weakness, which would be fatal at this time. —United Press.

Duchess Of Kent Homeward Bound

Rome, June 22. The Duchess of Kent passed through Rome to-day en route home from a visit to her relatives in the Greek Royal family.

She was on board a Royal Air Force Viking, due in London this evening. —Associated Press.

S. C. M. POST.
H.K. TELEGRAPH.

STALIN DECISION ON EUROPE AID PLAN AWAITED

London, June 22.

This week-end may bring one of the decisive moments in Europe's tangled history—and the decision lies with Premier Joseph Stalin.

His problem: Shall Russia join Britain and France in planning an economic "one world" for Europe, perhaps at the cost of a slipping Red grip on the middle Europe governments, or shall she cast aside the chance to unite Europe and go her own way in her own politico-economic sphere in the East?

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, practised in grasping the "breaks" of trade union warfare, snatched at American Secretary of State George C. Marshall's offer of June 5 to help rebuild Europe. Hastily he called on French Premier Paul Ramadier and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault. In two days they dispatched to Russia a call to join them—and to decide by Monday whether the Soviet Government will come in.

Russia's officially-inspired Communist newspaper, Pravda, greeted Marshall's plan with a single blast and then relapsed into silence.

GOVERNMENT DRIVE ON SZEPPINGKAI

Nanking, June 22.

Government sources reported today that the Communists, who occupied a greater part of the city of Szepingkai, now hold only the railway station and a small pocket.

Government troops are engaged in mopping up the stragglers in the streets following a counter-attack which came after a two-day Communist assault. The heavy artillery barrage by the Communists was lifted.

Sources also said that two Government relief columns driving towards Szepingkai from Changchun and Mukden have made further progress. The main force from Changchun has crossed the Hsinkai River and is now poised for a direct assault on the Communist headquarters in Kungchuling. —United Press.

Indonesians Fail To Agree

Batavia, June 22.

Cabinet Ministers and Party leaders of the Indonesian Republic today failed to agree on the terms of their reply to the Dutch proposals for implementation of the recent Dutch-Indonesian agreement.

A full meeting of the Republican Cabinet has been called for Tuesday.

The Netherlands Commission General asked the Republic to say whether it would accept its military and economic proposals for putting the agreement into operation.

It is understood here that the Republican Government has accepted most of the Dutch "final" proposals for the implementation of the Linggadjati agreement, but has referred certain vital points to the full meeting of Dr. Sjahrir's Republican Cabinet.

An interim reply was drafted and despatched following a meeting of key Cabinet Ministers at Dr. Sjahrir's home today. —Reuter.

KIDNAP ATTEMPT FOILED

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The scope of the Committee's instructions to interfere with judicial administration in Palestine. It said, however, that the "matter was being brought to the attention of the proper authorities."

Another vital question—the boycott of UNSCOP by the Arabs was tabled temporarily. Three delegations have been made by the delegation to break the boycott—all unsuccessful. It has now been decided to bring no further pressure to bear for fear the Arab elements which might change their mind later would be antagonised.

Most of the secret sessions were held in the Irgun Zvulun appeal for intervention on behalf of the youths sentenced to death. It was known the Commission had felt out the Palestine Government, hoping it was possible a review of the sentences might bring a compromise.

High officials claimed, however, that this was impossible as it would indicate British weakness, which would be fatal at this time. —United Press.

Duchess Of Kent Homeward Bound

Rome, June 22. The Duchess of Kent passed through Rome to-day en route home from a visit to her relatives in the Greek Royal family.

She was on board a Royal Air Force Viking, due in London this evening. —Associated Press.

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"Yes quite adequate.
I should say quite
adequate."

US SQUADRON ON VISIT TO SCOTLAND

Edinburgh, June 22.

A national salute of 21 guns by the United States aircraft carrier Randolph will announce the arrival in Scottish waters tomorrow of an eight-ship United States practice squadron, the first in 10 years.

Nearly 10,000 American seamen, including 2,140 midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, will be aboard the Randolph, the aircraft carrier Kearsarge, the battleship New Jersey and Wisconsin, and the destroyers Cone, Strigling, Meredith and Charron.

As they steam up the Firth of Forth to their anchorage off the Scottish Naval Depot of Rosyth, a battery of guns in historic Edinburgh will return the salute from the lofty pinnacle of the Rock overlooking the harbour.

Designed as a training trip for the "middles", the schedule will take the squadron to Norway, Denmark and Sweden in the first week in July after a five-day visit here.

As Admiral R. L. Conolly, Commander of the United States naval forces in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, goes aboard the New Jersey immediately the anchor is dropped, his standard will be broken from the mast.

Close In

At 55, Admiral Conolly is the youngest four-star admiral in the history of the United States Navy. In the ranks of midshipmen standing at attention will be his son, Robert C. Conolly.

The admiral earned the nickname of "Close In" during the war for his daring operational tactics in amphibious assaults in the Pacific and the Mediterranean theatres.

The half-million inhabitants of Scotland's capital are eagerly awaiting the visitors. Thousands of American servicemen visited or were stationed here during the war and were very popular.

A big programme of entertainment has been arranged. Invitations have been issued for them to visit private homes, go on private motor tours of famous beauty spots and inspect the old castle. More than 1,000 years old, it has witnessed more grim scenes of torture and murder down the centuries than almost any other historic building in the British Isles. —Reuter.

ABD EL KRIM'S VIEW ON MOROCCO

Paris, June 22.

Abd El Krim, the former leader of the Rif, who escaped to Egypt while on his way to France after 21 years in exile, to a correspondent of the French newspaper Figaro today that the French protectorate in Morocco must be cancelled.

He accused the French of "occupying Morocco as the Germans occupied France" and in reply to a question whether other powers might occupy Morocco if the French left, he said: "All countries, yours like mine, will be obliged to supply bases against Communism." —Reuter.

WALLACE CRITICISES BEVIN'S 'TONE'

Washington, June 22.

Mr Henry Wallace, the former United States Vice-President, today criticised Mr Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, for the "tone" of his remarks on Russia during the House of Commons debate last Thursday, declaring that "unless his attitude is repudiated promptly, the effect could be disastrous."

Mr Wallace, who was winding up his recent campaign with a broadcast, declared: "The Marshall doctrine expounded by the Secretary of State at Harvard University represented a great advance over the Truman doctrine.

Marshall recognised that the fundamental problem was one of economics, that Europe must share in the effort, and that she must be aided as a whole and not country by country.

"He left the door open for Russia to participate in the plan."

"It is disconcerting, however, to have the British Foreign Minister, in his speech last Thursday, seeming to repudiate the Marshall doctrine and return, instead, to the Truman doctrine of three months ago."

"His tone and content represent a challenge to Russia so sharp that it is certain to have a deep effect on the Russians, especially if they think the American Government knew and approved of what he said."

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Mr Bevin, among comments on the Eastern European political crisis during the House of Commons debate, declared: "The difficulty of coordinating is within there."

—United Press.

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Hungarian President Denies Resignation

Budapest, June 22. The idea of resignation had never occurred to him or to anyone around him and he was absolutely at a loss to understand the rumours which had spread abroad of his resignation, the President of Hungary, M. Zoltan Tildy, declared today.

The President's statement came two days after M. Jekely, former chief adviser to the Hungarian President, had stated in Geneva that President Tildy had offered his resignation at a Cabinet meeting that day.

Referring to recent statements by the leaders of the Freedom Party, M. Deszo Szuly, that there was no freedom of speech or of press in Hungary, President Tildy said these were M. Szuly's personal opinion and did not interest the head of the state.

The President denied rumours of a special Cabinet meeting on Friday at which he was alleged to have been present, and said that he had spent all that day at Balatonlel, his lakeside summer residence, and that the Premier had visited him there in the evening as he happened to be touring that district.

He expressed complete confidence in Hungary's future as an independent state and the hope that the great powers will shortly come to an agreement over the future of the small states of Eastern Europe.

Talks With Nagy

Of his two talks with M. Ferenc Nagy by telephone before the former Premier's resignation in Switzerland, he said that each time M. Nagy told him he would come back as soon as his car had been repaired. Nagy had made no conditions about his resignation, nor had he asked for any money or the return of his car.

The President said he would not judge the former Premier and would not call him a traitor. That, he said, was a matter for the Government and the courts of justice.

He had not been shown the documents which led up to the crisis before they were published. He only knew from the newspaper the alleged statement by Bela Kovacs, the former Secretary of the Smallholders' Party, who is stated to have inclined M. Nagy and other Hungarian leaders in a plot against the state after his arrest by the Russians.

He had not been consulted by the Government on the delicate matter of publication of the alleged documents.

Government In Exile

The President, who received Reuter's correspondent for the interview in his villa on Lake Ballaton, looked brown and well and completely unruffled by the storm which has been raging in Hungarian political life.

M. Nagy, meanwhile, commenting on the Hungarian Government White Paper accusing him of seeking United States and British aid in an alleged plot against the republic when Premier, said that he wanted to establish a Western type of democracy with American help because the United States was the only country to offer Hungary substantial assistance after the war.

He declared that he had, apparently, been thrown out for conspiring to establish friendly relations with the United States. It was too early, he added, to discuss forming a government in exile in Washington, where the former Premier is now staying. —Reuter.

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Japan (Sea) 3 p.m.

Kongmou, Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 5 p.m.

Canton (Train) 5 p.m.

Salon, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland and London 3.30 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling and Peiping (Air) 3.30 p.m.

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Tuesday, June 24.

Canada via Vancouver B.C. (Sea) 10 a.m.

Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.

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Canton (Train) 1.30 p.m.

Saigon and Marseilles (Sea) 3 p.m.